

**MINUTES**

**MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

**COMMITTEE ON TAXATION**

**Call to Order:**

**CHAIRMAN BOB LAKE**, on January 20, 2009 at 8:00 A.M., in Room 152 Capitol.

**ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Rep. Bob Lake, Chairman (R)  
Rep. Jill Cohenour, Vice Chairman (D)  
Rep. Janna Taylor, Vice Chairman (R)  
Rep. Dick Barrett (D)  
Rep. Mark Blasdel (R)  
Rep. Edward B. Butcher (R)  
Rep. Wanda Grinde (D)  
Rep. Robin Hamilton (D)  
Rep. Brian Hoven (R)  
Rep. Mike Jopek (D)  
Rep. Dave McAlpin (D)  
Rep. Mike Miller (R)  
Rep. Art Noonan (D)  
Rep. JP Pomnichowski (D)  
Rep. Lee Randall (R)  
Rep. J. David Roundstone (D)  
Rep. Jon Sonju (R)  
Rep. Wayne Stahl (R)  
Rep. Chas Vincent (R)  
Rep. Brady Wiseman (D)

**Members Excused:** None.

**Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Jeff Martin, Legislative Branch  
Jennifer O'Loughlin, Committee Secretary

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 199, 1/19/2009; HB 232,  
1/19/2009

Executive Action: HB 199 Tabled

**HEARING ON HB 199**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:02:39 **REP. ROBIN HAMILTON (D), HD 92**, opened the hearing on **HB 199**, Revise allocation of lodging facility use tax.

00:03:59 Rep. Hamilton requested that HB 199 be tabled.

00:04:14 Chairman Lake closed the hearing.

00:04:18

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 199**

00:04:24 **Motion:** REP. COHENOUR moved that **HB 199 DO PASS**.

00:04:36 **Vote:** Motion that **HB 199 BE TABLED** carried unanimously by voice vote.

**HEARING ON HB 232**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:05:01

**REP. JULIE FRENCH (D), HD 36**, opened the hearing on **HB 232**,  
Remove limits on payments in lieu of taxes for state land in  
counties.

00:09:35 Rep. Butcher entered the room

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:10:51 Rep. Stahl

00:11:16 Rep. Pomnichowski entered the room.

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:13:11 Harold Blattie, Executive Director, Montana Association  
of Counties

**Informational Testimony:**

00:17:23 Larry Finch, Management Analyst, Dept. of Revenue

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:17:51 Rep. Wiseman

00:18:26 Larry Finch

00:21:39 Rep. Wiseman

00:21:50 Larry Finch

00:24:22 Rep. Wiseman

00:24:34 Chairman Lake

00:24:42 Larry Finch

00:25:07 Vern Fogle, Economist, Dept. of Revenue

00:25:30 Rep. Butcher

00:25:39 Harold Blattie

00:28:04 Rep. Butcher

00:28:59 Rep. French

00:29:27 Rep. Butcher

00:30:12 Rep. French

00:32:16 Rep. Sonju

00:32:44 Larry Finch

00:32:47 Rep. Sonju

00:32:55 Rep. Vincent entered the room.

00:33:01 Larry Finch

00:33:14 Rep. Sonju

00:33:46 Larry Finch  
 00:34:09 Rep. Cohenour  
 00:35:04 Rep. French  
 00:36:48 Rep. Cohenour  
 00:37:36 Rep. French  
 00:38:12 Rep. Cohenour  
 00:38:32 Harold Blattie  
 00:40:23 Rep. Cohenour  
 00:40:38 Harold Blattie  
 00:40:51 Rep. Taylor  
 00:41:10 Rep. French  
 00:41:14 Rep. Taylor  
 00:41:36 Rep. French  
 00:42:00 Rep. Taylor  
 00:42:34 Rep. Jopek  
 00:43:02 Larry Finch  
 00:43:13 Rep. Jopek  
 00:43:53 Tom Schultz, Administrator, Trust Land Management  
 Division, Dept. of Natural Resources and Conservation  
 00:44:14 Rep. Hoven  
 00:44:50 Larry Finch  
 00:45:25 Harold Blattie  
 00:47:39 Rep. Wiseman  
 00:47:52 Jeff Martin

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:48:06 Rep. French  
 00:49:54 Chairman Lake closed the hearing.

00:50:08 Rep. Wiseman requested a committee session on the state  
 tax expenditure list.  
 00:50:53 Chairman Lake  
 00:51:04 Rep. Wiseman  
 00:51:12 Chairman Lake  
 00:51:43 Jeff Martin  
 00:52:28 Rep. Wiseman  
 00:52:38 Larry Finch  
 00:53:06 Rep. Wiseman  
 00:53:15 Chairman Lake  
 00:53:32 Rep. Barrett  
 00:55:17 Chairman Lake announced a change of room to 472 on  
 Thursday, Jan. 22.  
 00:56:02 Rep. Cohenour  
 00:56:19 Chairman Lake

**ADJOURNMENT**

00:56:40 Adjournment: 9:10 A.M.

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JENNIFER O'LOUGHLIN, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT ([tah13aad.pdf](#))**